



Great Pee Dee Scenic River Advisory Council

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Subject: Public Comment on DHEC Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards Regulation

Ms. Bennett,

The Great Pee Dee Scenic River Advisory Council, a representative constituency of the lower Great Pee Dee watershed, has the following comments regarding DHEC's Triennial Review of its Water Quality Standards Regulation.

The advisory council recognizes that DHEC works closely with the EPA to ensure that all water quality evaluation criteria utilized by the department are in line with the criteria suggested by the EPA. Because the coastal plain of South Carolina harbors several state designated scenic rivers, this council believes it is the responsibility of DHEC to ensure that numeric nutrient criteria standards are consistent with the maintenance of water quality expected of a state designated scenic river. Therefore this council supports the most stringent recommended numeric nutrient criteria for rivers in ecoregion XIV (eastern coastal plain).

The advisory council also believes that it is in the best interest of the state of South Carolina to adopt criteria for testing bacteriological indices that reflect the most current scientific consensus. This is necessary to better understand and assess water quality in the Great Pee Dee and other coastal plain rivers, thereby supporting more effective conservation related decisions.

Essentially this council supports the adoption of the most appropriate water quality standards regulation for our coastal plain ecoregion through this triennial review period.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

David Lansbury

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